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**PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY-DELAYED CLAIM TO PRIORITY  
FROM AN EARLIER-FILED APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the U.S. Patent Office to accept a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 to earlier-filed, previously copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/002,170 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,682,878). The present application claims the status of continuation-in-part of 10/002,170. In support of the petition, Applicant states as follows:

- (i) The reference required under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2) accompanies this petition in the form of an amendment to the specification.
- (ii) The surcharge of \$1370.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t) accompanies this petition.
- (iii) The entire delay between the date that the claim was due and the date that this claim is being filed was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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